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SAM ALEXANDER'S FATHER, **JESSE**, WAS A MEMBER OF THE ELITE ***BLACK NOVA*** CORPS. MONTHS AGO, HE DISAPPEARED, AND SAM HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DON HIS FATHER'S HELMET AND SEARCH FOR HIM. HE'S TRAVELLED ACROSS THE GALAXY, ENCOUNTERED SPACE MONSTERS, AND EVEN FOUGHT AN EVIL CLONE OF HIS FATHER, BUT IS NO CLOSER TO BRINGING HIM HOME. WITH THE TRAIL GONE COLD, SAM HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP SEARCHING THE COSMOS AS NOVA – THE HUMAN ROCKET!

RECENTLY, NOVA AND THE REST OF THE SUPER HERO COMMUNITY STOPPED AN ALIEN INVASION THANKS TO THE PRECOGNITIVE VISION OF A NEW INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES. DESPITE BEING A FORCE ON THE BATTLEFIELD, SAM HAS HAD DIFFICULTY FINDING HIS PLACE AMONG HIS FELLOW HEROES AS OF LATE, AND IT HAS STARTED TO TAKE A TOLL ON HIM.


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THIS IS INSANE.

FASTER! TOWARDS THE CERTAIN DEATH!

DON'T STOP!

THE AVENGERS

TONY!

EVERYTHING IN PLACE?

CRAAASH

VERY NOT GOOD!

STAY CLOSE CHILDREN!

LET'S FIND OUT.

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!

WHOA!

OH, DOCTOR...

BOOOM

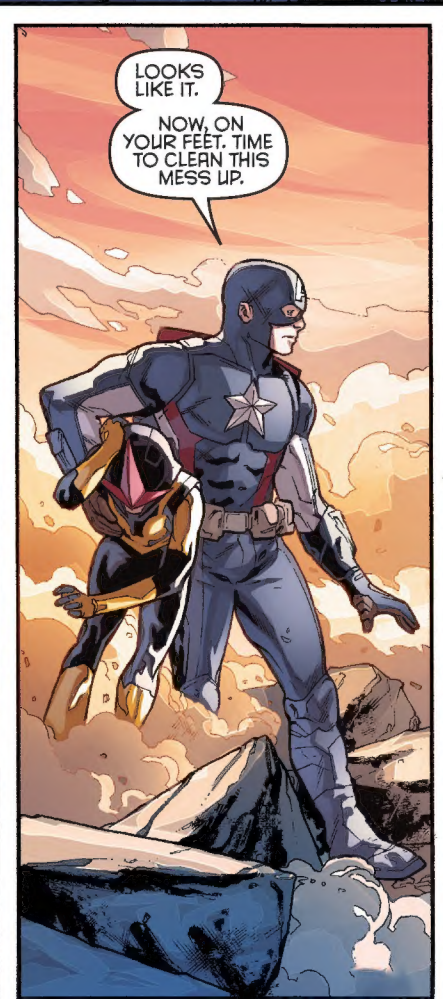
UNNNHHH!

LET'S FINISH THIS ALREADY!

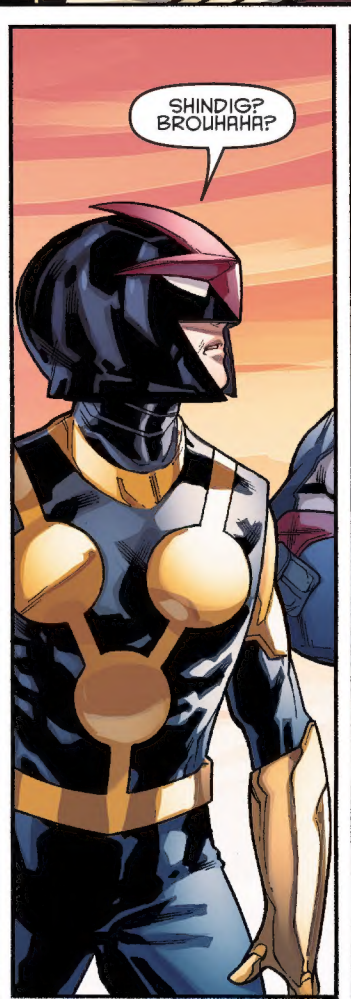
ARRGHHH!

SORCERERS, AS WE REHEARSED.

UGHHH...
ARE WE ALIVE STILL?


LOOKS LIKE IT.
NOW, ON YOUR FEET. TIME TO CLEAN THIS MESS UP.

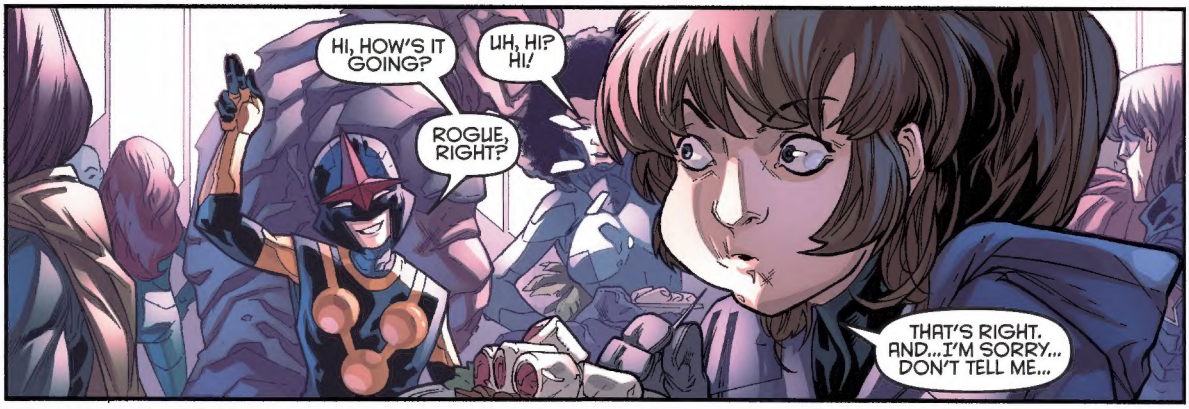
OH, RIGHT, THE CLEANUP.
DON'T WORRY, KID. SOMETHING TELLS ME TONY STARK WILL BE HAVING QUITE THE SHINDIG FOLLOWING THIS WHOLE BROUHAHA.

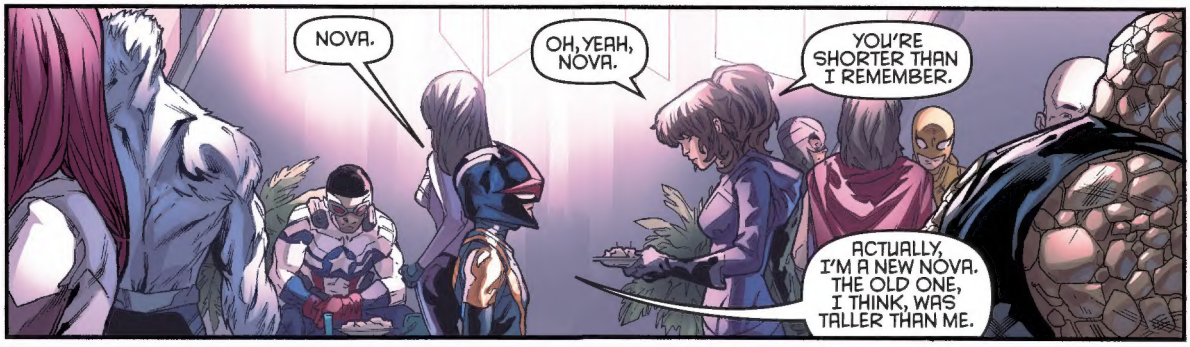

SHINDIG? BROUHAHA?

HE'S GOING TO HAVE A PARTY.

OH. COOL!
DO YOU THINK WE'RE INVITED?
COME ON, NOVA, WE'VE STILL GOT WORK TO DO.

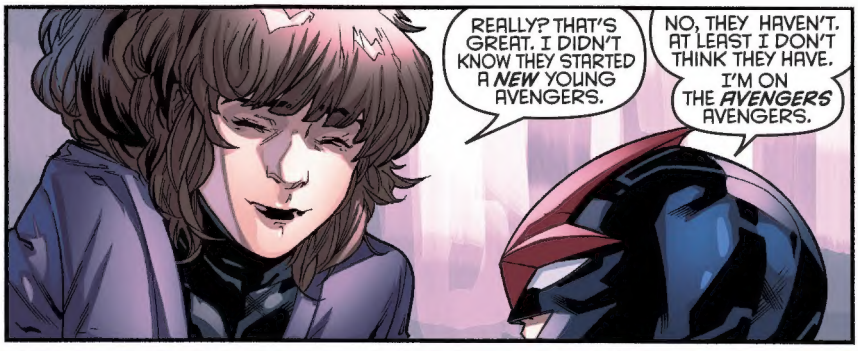
TONY STARK'S NEW YORK CITY PENTHOUSE.
LATER THAT NIGHT.
WOW.
NOW *THIS* IS A SHINDIG.


HI, HOW'S IT GOING?
UH, HI? HI!
ROGUE, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT. AND...I'M SORRY... DON'T TELL ME...

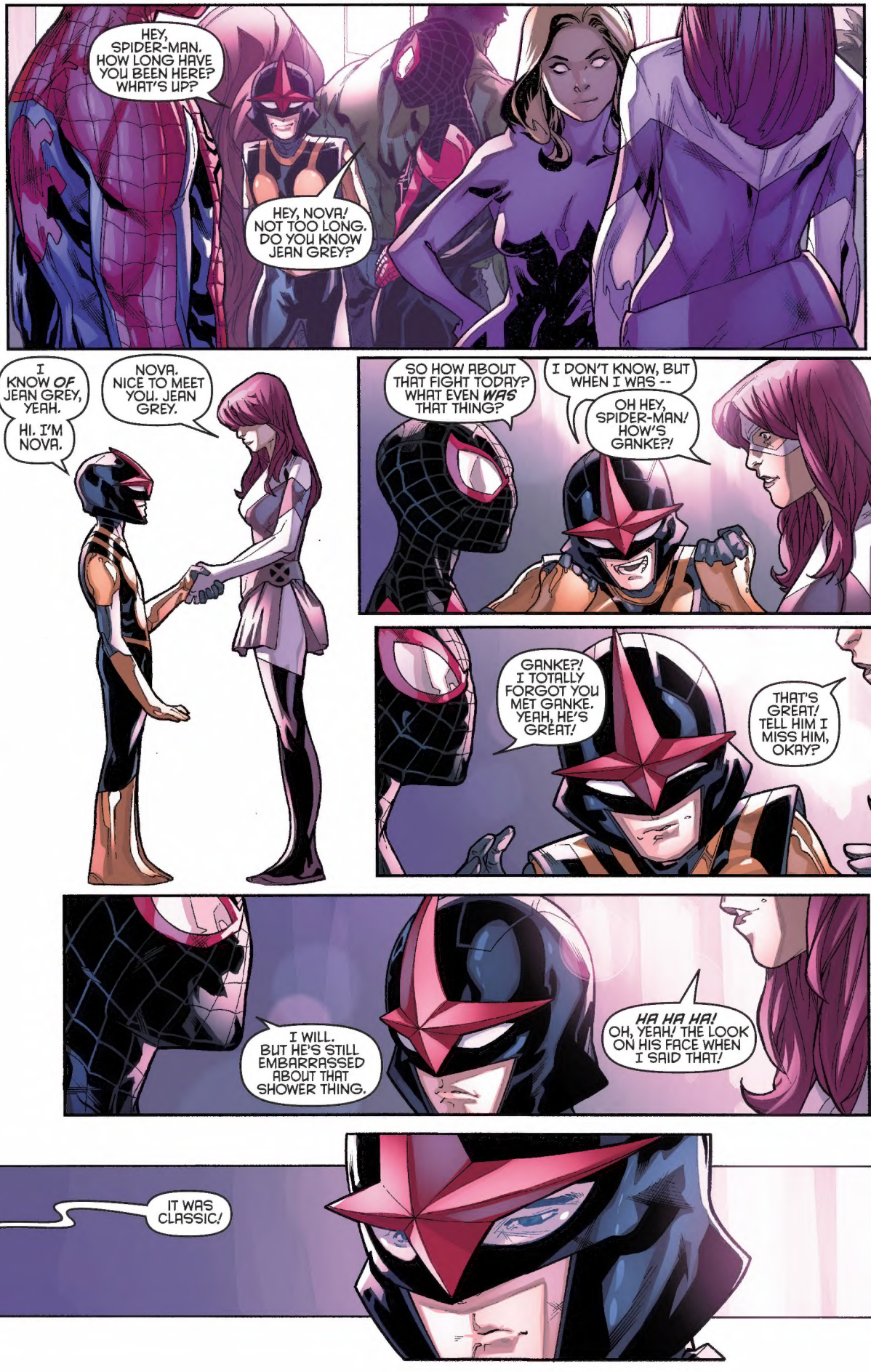

NOVA.
OH, YEAH, NOVA.
YOU'RE SHORTER THAN I REMEMBER.
ACTUALLY, I'M A NEW NOVA. THE OLD ONE, I THINK, WAS TALLER THAN ME.

A NEW NOVA? GOTCHA.
IS THIS YOUR FIRST ONE OF THESE, THEN?
NO, NO. YOU AND I ACTUALLY FOUGHT TOGETHER A LITTLE WHILE AGO, WHEN THE PHOENIX CAME BACK.

YOU WERE THERE FOR THAT?
YEAH. AND NOW I'M AN AVENGER.


REALLY? THAT'S GREAT. I DIDN'T KNOW THEY STARTED A NEW YOUNG AVENGERS.
NO, THEY HAVEN'T. AT LEAST I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE. I'M ON THE AVENGERS AVENGERS.

OH, I'M SORRY. I JUST THOUGHT BECAUSE... WELL...
YOU KNOW WHAT? I NEED TO GO FIND THE RESTROOM. IT WAS NICE TO MEET YOU, NOVA.
WE'VE MET ALREADY...


HEY, SPIDER-MAN. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE? WHAT'S UP?
HEY, NOVA! NOT TOO LONG. DO YOU KNOW JEAN GREY?
I KNOW OF JEAN GREY, YEAH.
HI. I'M NOVA.
NOVA. NICE TO MEET YOU. JEAN GREY.
SO HOW ABOUT THAT FIGHT TODAY? WHAT EVEN WAS THAT THING?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT WHEN I WAS --
OH HEY, SPIDER-MAN! HOW'S GANKE?!
GANKE?! I TOTALLY FORGOT YOU MET GANKE. YEAH, HE'S GREAT!
THAT'S GREAT! TELL HIM I MISS HIM, OKAY?
I WILL. BUT HE'S STILL EMBARRASSED ABOUT THAT SHOWER THING.
HA HA HA! OH, YEAH! THE LOOK ON HIS FACE WHEN I SAID THAT!
IT WAS CLASSIC!

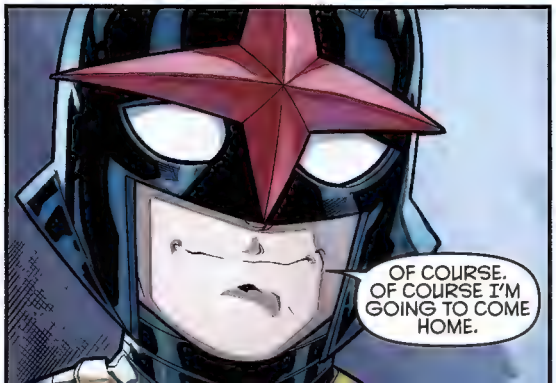
WHAT SHOWER THING? WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT? SOUNDS SUPER FUNNY.
YOU KINDA NEEDED TO BE THERE. TRUST ME.
YEAH.
OKAY... SO...
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
...HOW DO YOU GUYS KNOW EACH OTHER SO WELL?
JEAN GREY... WE NEED YOU IN THE KITCHEN.

WHAT'S UP IN THE KITCHEN?
JALAPEÑO POPPER'S PROBLEM?
NO. IT'S SOMETHING SERIOUS.
DO YOU GUYS NEED US?
SHOULD WE COME, TOO?
NO, JUST JEAN. STAY OUT HERE. ENJOY THE PARTY.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE DON'T KNOW YET.

YIKES, SEEMS SERIOUS.
DID YOU SEE WHO WENT INTO THE KITCHEN?
NOT SURE. I DON'T SEE THE OTHER SPIDER-MAN, OR IRON MAN.
AND A LOT OF THE INHUMANS AREN'T OUT HERE EITHER.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I ASSUMED THE PARTY WAS JUST DYING DOWN.
WHAT TIME IS IT, ANYWAY?
DUDE, YOU ASK ME THAT ALL THE TIME.
NO WATCH.
OH, YEAH. SORRY. JUST NEEDED TO KNOW SO I'M NOT TOO LATE GETTING HOME. BUT THE PARTY JUST STARTED, RIGHT? I'M SURE I'M FINE.

MUCH LATER THAT NIGHT.
PLEASEBE ASLEEP.PLEASE BEASLEEP.PLEASE BEASLEEP.
SAM.
WE CAN'T KEEP DOING *THIS.*

I'M SORRY, MOM. IRON MAN THREW THIS BIG SHINDIG FOR EVERYONE AND I JUST LOST TRACK--
I DON'T CARE THAT YOU'RE *LATE,* SAM. I'M JUST HAPPY THAT YOU *CAME HOME.*


OF COURSE. OF COURSE I'M GOING TO COME HOME.

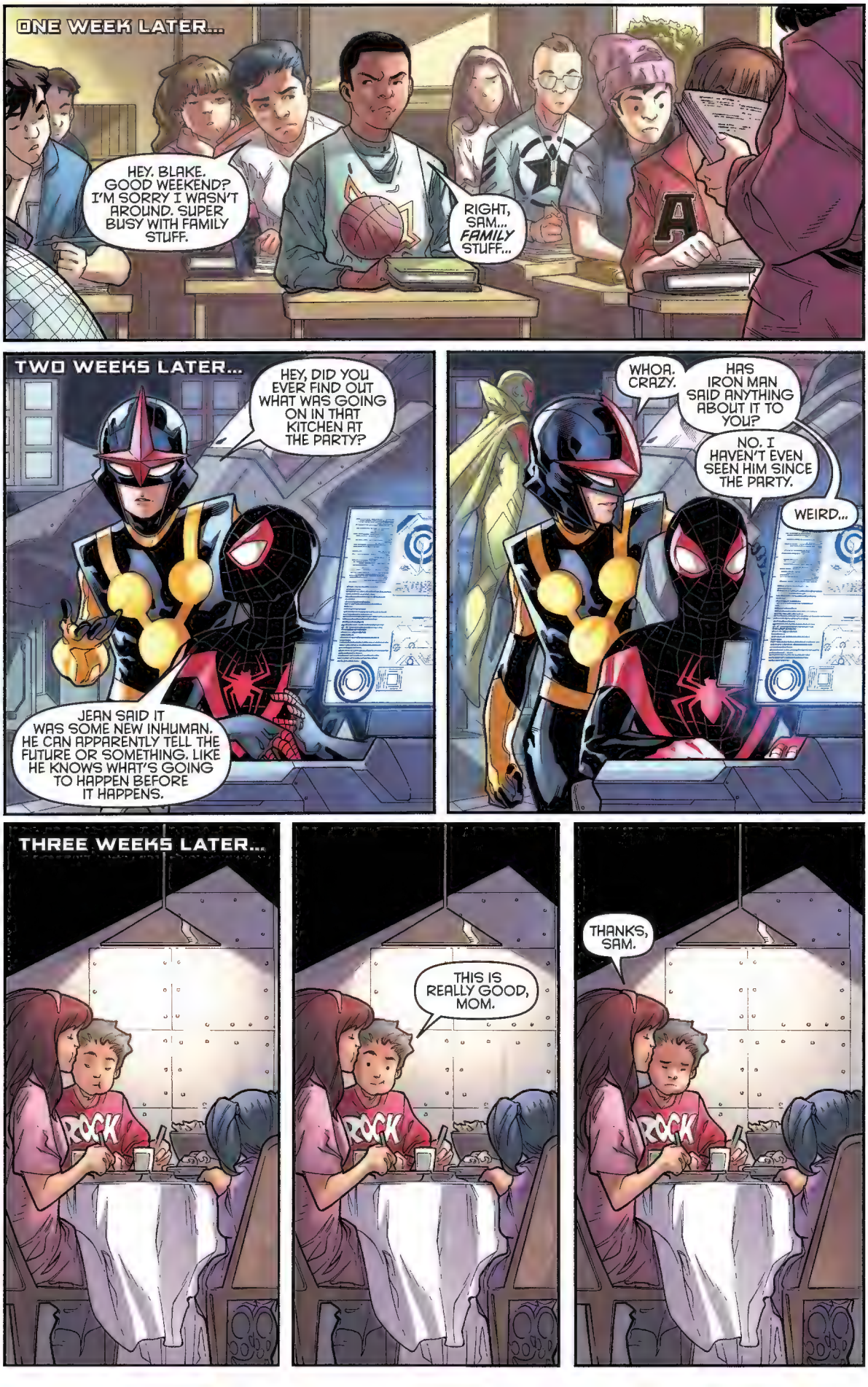
I NEVER *KNOW* THAT.

MOM...
WHAT EVEN WAS THAT THING YOU WERE FIGHTING TODAY?
I DON'T KNOW. IRON MAN WAS THINKING THAT--
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW?
IT WAS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION I THINK...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE AN AVENGER ANYMORE.
MOM! I HAVE TO BE AN AVENGER.
DO YOU?
WELL... YES...
THEY NEED ME.
SO DO I.

MOM... PLEASE.
YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME. I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE *FIGHTING,* SAM.
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW THAT HELMET YOU WEAR WORKS?
UH...
SAM, I GET IT. BEING NOVA HELPS YOU CONNECT TO YOUR DAD.
AND BEING AN AVENGER GIVES YOU OTHER HEROES TO BE AROUND AND RELATE TO. IT GIVES YOU A PLACE TO FIT IN.
WELL...
BUT SEEING YOU OUT THERE, IN THOSE FIGHTS...
IT'S KILLING ME.

MOM... I'M SORRY.... BUT I CAN'T QUIT BEING NOVA.
SAM... LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS LATER. I'M EXHAUSTED AND I HAVE TO BE AT WORK AT SIX TOMORROW.
I HOPE YOU *DO* KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
I LOVE YOU, SAM. GOODNIGHT
WAIT! WHAT I IF FIND OUT HOW MY HELMET WORKS. WOULD THAT HELP?
I CAN FIND THAT OUT!
I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING...
I HOPE.

HI, IRON MAN-- TONY--I MEAN, MR. STARK--
SAM, WHAT IS IT? I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW.
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD HELP ME FIGURE OUT WHAT MAKES MY HELMET WORK?
MY MOM AND I WERE TALKING AND--
SAM, I'M REAL SORRY. THERE IS WAY TOO MUCH GOING ON.
I CAN'T FOCUS ON THIS RIGHT NOW.
MY MIND IS GOING AT ABOUT 100 MPH AND IT FEELS LIKE THE BRAKES AREN'T WORKING.
CAN WE CIRCLE BACK TO THIS IN A FEW WEEKS?
WHAT'S GOING ON? DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE KITCHEN AT THE PARTY?
SAM, I HAVE TO GO.
BLIP
BUT--
-SIGH-


ONE WEEK LATER...
HEY. BLAKE. GOOD WEEKEND? I'M SORRY I WASN'T AROUND. SUPER BUSY WITH FAMILY STUFF.
RIGHT, SAM... FAMILY STUFF...
TWO WEEKS LATER...
HEY, DID YOU EVER FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THAT KITCHEN AT THE PARTY?
JEAN SAID IT WAS SOME NEW INHUMAN. HE CAN APPARENTLY TELL THE FUTURE OR SOMETHING. LIKE HE KNOWS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN BEFORE IT HAPPENS.
WHOA. CRAZY.
HAS IRON MAN SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT TO YOU?
NO. I HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN HIM SINCE THE PARTY.
WEIRD...
THREE WEEKS LATER...
ROCK
THIS IS REALLY GOOD, MOM.
THANKS, SAM.

HEY IRON MAN, I MEAN, TONY... SORRY, MR. STARK... IT'S SAM. I--
MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES, BUT I'VE SHUT DOWN MY LINES OF COMMUNICATION. YOU CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THIS MEANS I AM EITHER DOING A MISSION OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO GLOBAL SECURITY, OR THAT I'VE ABSCONDED TO BORA BORA WITH HALF OF THE SWEDISH BIKINI TEAM, IF THEY EVEN STILL EXIST.
IF THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT THE AVENGERS TEAM OF YOUR CHOOSING.
THANKS, AND BE WELL!
SERIOUSLY?
WHOOOSH
I GOTTA FIND HIM.
SOMETHING'S WRONG.

MISTER STARK?!
IRON MAN?!
STARK
TONY?
DAMMIT. WHERE IS HE?
WHAT IS GOING ON?!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE A TEAM IF YOU NEVER TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHAT THE--?
I DIDN'T HIT THE BUILDING THAT HARD, DID I?
RUMBLE

AHHHHH!
IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
COMICS
SWOOM
WHAT IS GOING ON?!

THE END OF THE SURFACE WORLD BEGINS NOW!
MOLE MONSTER...
THIS IS THE LAST THING I NEED.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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